

struction at the State level should cooperate with the State Civil Defense Agency in the school civil defense program. There are two main aspects to such a program :

1. To organize local schools, in cooperation with local civil defense councils, for meeting such emergencies. This includes a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities of certain locally appointed air-raid workers, fire fighting and rescue teams, and other officials designated for an emergency.

2. To relate present instruction to civil defense whenever and wherever possible. It is recognized that there will be many opportunities for such correlation and emphasis in the broad field of health, physical education and safety education.

Since it is generally agreed, following the organization of the local civil defense program, that the major contribution the schools can make to civil defense is to *do a better job of these programs already planned for normal living*, a large part of this publication is devoted to suggestions in this area. It is the responsibility of the State Superintendent and his staff to encourage and assist the schools in this respect to the end that pupils will be better prepared for emergencies of all kinds.

## COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Each city and county, with assistance from the State agency, has been directed to organize the local communities for civil defense. All local plans should be made in accordance with policies established by the State Council of Civil Defense.

It is recognized as necessary to use all existing public and private resources to the best advantage to put into effect any practical local civil defense plans. Since the school is one of the most important local resources, a representative of the school should take part in civil defense planning. Also, the local civil defense director or someone designated by him should be on the civil defense school council or committee.

### Understanding

Furthermore, full cooperation and understanding between school authorities and the local civil defense director is essential to any effective plan for protecting children and other school personnel against the dangers in a time of emergency. The superintendents of schools and the civil defense directors should have frequent conferences for the purpose of getting and maintaining mutual understanding concerning the responsibilities of schools in civil defense on a city or county level.